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The drawing (Figure 5a/5b) of record on 1/23/06 is acknowledged and accepted by the examiner. It appears that a USPTO draftperson modified Figure 5 to clarify Figure 5. The clarification is to indicate that there is a panel a and panel b of the figure as indicated in the drawing filed on 4/30/01.

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